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Melissa,

Attached is a letter of support from the Cambria Fishing Club for Package 2(pdf). Hard copy is in the mail. Do not hesitate to call if there are any questions. Thanks for all your hard work on this important project. Best regards, JIM WEBB



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January 17, 2006

Dear Task Force Members,

Thank you for the service you are rendering for all Californians. As members of the 30 year old Cambria Fishing Club, we are in support of this effort to implement the Marine Life Protection Act. Two of our members have served on the Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group. We congratulate them for participating in the development of MPA packages. It is our goal to inform you of our support for Package 2.

Our hope has been to see a network proposal that incorporates the science guidelines, as indicated in the Master Plan Framework, thus incorporating the "best available science". Further, Package 2 proponents consulted with our representatives and showed the true spirit of compromise; they listened to where we fish, what we fish for and how proposed sites would impact our members. They communicated with us at every step in the process.

Package 2 proponents did not eliminate all impacts to our club members, but offset them with the potential gains offered by this network of MPA's . Over the last 30 years our members have seen firsthand the failure of traditional fishery management measures. We watched as lingcod, bocaccio, golden eye, cowcod , canary rockfish and others were designated 'overfished'. We were saddened as an out of control nearshore 'live' fishery plundered local kelp beds.

Our hope for change gained strength with the passage of the Nearshore Fishery Management Plan. It has produced dramatic effort reductions that we applaud. It also called for a system of marine reserves to further protect the sedentary reef fish in the nearshore. We look to further improvement of the resource with the implementation of the MLPA and adoption of Package 2.

Sincerely,

Jim Webb-President
Cambria Fishing Club



P.S. Our members love to fish but are reluctant to attend public meetings and voice their support. I have asked them to show their support for Package 2 by signing this postscript.

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